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History of Tennis In Hawaii By A. L. Castle

Local Authority on Racquet Game Tells Story of Advance of Game—W. P. Roth, W. F. Dillingham, F. C. Atherton, C. A. Elston, W. L. Eklund and A. L. Castle Have Held Championship Twice—First Island Championship Held Twenty Years Ago—Visit of Davis Players Boosts Tennis Game

A. L. Castle, president of the Hawaiian Tennis Association and the leading booster for tennis in Hawaii, has written an article on the history of tennis in Hawaii, which was published in the last issue of American Lawn Tennis. Mr. Castle is an authority on the racquet game and his articles in the leading tennis journal have been featured by that publication. It was due to the efforts of Mr. Castle that William Johnson, Clarence Griffin, Beals Wright and many other tennis stars have consented to play in Hawaii.

English Start Play. Lawn tennis in Hawaii has lived through many changes of government: First under the old monarchy, then under the provisional government, next the republic, and lastly the present territory. During the '50s and early '60s tennis was confined almost exclusively to Honolulu, and in Honolulu largely among the English element. It was looked upon more as a fashionable recreation, an excuse for a tea party rather than an actual sport. The baseball-loving Hawaiians and Americans looked down upon the "tennis teas" held by the English at the one or two grass courts then in use with considerable derision. But in 1894 the desire to beat the English at their own game led to a match between an English pair and a Hawaiian and American. The former pair played their good old back court game, and the playing of the "outsiders" at the net was not considered quite "the thing." It is needless to say that the Hawaiian-American team won this little international affair, and shortly afterwards the Pacific Tennis Club was formed, which actually started tennis in Hawaii.

The first island championship was held under the newly created Hawaiian Lawn Tennis Association in the year 1895, and annual tournaments have been held in men's singles and doubles ever since. Ladies' singles and doubles, as well as mixed doubles, are always scheduled, but sometimes the event is omitted, due to lack of interest among the fair sex. The average entry list for men's singles is from 16 to 20, and in the doubles 10 or 12 teams. The champions have been W. P. Roth, six times; A. L. Castle, three times; W. F. Dillingham, F. C. Atherton, C. A. Elston, W. N. Eklund (the present champion), twice, and W. B. Godfrey, E. S. Gee, J. A. Richards and C. A. Major, once. Mr. W. P. Roth being the most finished tennis player ever turned out here, besides his natural ability, having had the benefit of several years' play in California during the time the Harveys and Whiteys were at the top of their game.

Visitors Help Game. Although tennis has had a good normal growth throughout the territory, the visits of noted players and the widespread interest in the Davis Cup matches have stimulated interest during the past few years to an almost unprecedented extent. All Honolulu was on the lookout when Beals Wright and Alexander passed through on their way to Australia, and the public was unanimous in its criticism of the Hawaiian-American line. When the steamer sailed at 2 o'clock instead of at 5, and prevented the exhibition match which had been scheduled. Honolulu was more fortunate when McLoughlin and Long passed through on their quest the next year, a large crowd turning out to see them play. The so-called "American formation" in doubles was the object of much comment, and twice the umpire reminded the visitors of the score, thinking the net man was out of position. Strange as it may seem, the running in on the service was new to Hawaii, but when McLoughlin and Long returned from Australia for a week's visit they found every one had copied them. The "American formation," however, did not last long, and has been looked upon here as a sort of freak, except as modified by Beals Wright's theory on the subject.

The Larned-McLoughlin-Wright combination next visited Hawaii, and made a stop over the wonderful work of McLoughlin and Wright as a doubles team being a revelation. Rice and Jones of Australia were our next visitors, but likewise were prevented from playing by an unreasonable sailing of the steamer. They were dead game sports, however, offering to play at 5 in the morning if the crowd desired. Carl Gardner stopped over here on his way back from Manila, as did Johnston and Fottrell. Honolulu still talks of the wonderful services of McLoughlin and Fottrell.

Tennis Improves. The privilege of having seen so many of the world's great players in action was, of course, of immense benefit. Immediately, private courts were built all over the city, new tennis clubs were organized, and the hotels found it necessary to put in courts; so today it is doubtful if any community in the world boasts more tennis courts in proportion to its white population than does Honolulu. There

are five active clubs in the town itself and two just outside, while at least five of the hotels have their own courts, besides the immense number of private courts. Two public courts have recently been established in Honolulu and are being used very extensively by all races, particularly the Hawaiians and Japanese. Going outside of the island of Oahu, we have four active tennis clubs, while practically every sugar plantation directorate, in its usual liberal policy towards its employees, has furnished its plantation with good courts and, in many cases, fine club house facilities. It is needless to say that many of the inter-plantation matches are as keenly contested as any.

The interest taken in the Davis Cup matches naturally led to a similar scheme in Hawaii, a cup now being contested for annually. The event is open to any club or member of the Hawaiian Tennis Association ("Lawn") now being eliminated from the official title, and the rules of the Davis Cup are used as a model, except that instead of four singles and one doubles, there are two singles and three doubles, the idea being to stimulate interest in as great a number of players as possible, and yet have a fair team. The Beretania Club is the present title holder, and only needs one more win for permanent possession. The latest development in tennis is the holding of a tournament in connection with the Mid-Pacific Carnival, which takes place during the week of Washington's birthday. Last year was the first, and many people shook their heads as to the feasibility of the scheme, but instead of other features detracting from tennis, the little tournament was voted one of the pleasantest features of all. Messrs. W. M. Johnston and H. C. Breck of California and E. P. Larned of New Jersey competed, the tournament being won by Johnston. His aggressive forehand attack, backed by his court generalship and all-round playing, was very impressive. In fact, so much so that Honolulu did not share in the general surprise over Johnston's win at Forest Hills. No doubles tournament was played, the Californians engaging in three exhibition matches against different teams, winning two and losing one, the last to Castle and Eklund of Honolulu.

This next year it is the plan to have both an open singles and doubles tournament in connection with the Carnival, commencing about February 17, though definite announcement will be made in a later issue of American Lawn Tennis. Probably Mr. C. J. Griffin and at least one other Californian of distinction will participate in the 1916 tournament. (Any information will be gladly given by writing to A. L. Castle, president, Hawaiian Tennis Association.)

No Turf Courts. McLoughlin, in his recent book, mentions his visit to Honolulu, and remarks that it is a surprising thing that there are no turf courts there. It is indeed unfortunate that turf courts are not feasible, but it is due to the nature of the grass. Instead of the grass one is accustomed to in the eastern part of the United States, it is a sort of creeping affair that mats very quickly and makes accurate play impossible. Then, too, courts belonging to the various clubs are in use almost every day in the entire year—there is no winter—which would hardly make grass courts possible, unless the clubs possessed large grounds.

The more modern courts in Hawaii are now almost entirely of hard surface, the mixture used including a certain amount of asphaltum. The lines are painted on the courts. The playing surface is very true, but rather too fast, the balls getting light after a couple of sets, so that a certain amount of "top" is necessary. The dirt courts are going out, due to the fact that there is no real clay, and the dirt, with its mixture of a little volcanic sand, does not give a sure enough footing for fast play.

Future Bright For Tennis. The future of tennis in Hawaii must certainly be bright. More and more the islands, situated as they are five or six days from a generally calm sea from San Francisco, are becoming a tourist center for what are the winter months on the mainland. On the average, about seven steamers a month leave San Francisco for the islands, including the Great Northern, the fastest steamer flying the American flag, and second only to the Mauretania. The Great Northern stops en route at Hilo, where a day is given to visiting Kilauea, the largest active volcano in the world.

In Honolulu one finds as good hotels as can be had anywhere, the Moana appealing particularly to tennis players, with its two fine courts and proximity to the famous Waikiki beach. Besides the hotel courts, three months' memberships in all the clubs can be obtained at nominal cost. Perhaps the ocean is a drawback to tennis players, however, as McLoughlin says, "We found it difficult to stay out of the water long enough to play

Choynski Might Have Been Champ But For Corbett

Joe Choynski would have been the champion of the world if he had lived more than four blocks away from the Corbets. Jim Corbett is quoted as saying only a short time ago.

"Yes, Choynski was unfortunate in that I lived too near him," said Jim. "I grabbed all the fire that might have been his. I fought him four times professionally, the most memorable battle taking place on a barge, where I knocked him out in 27 rounds, 26 years ago.

District Feud. "Joe spent so much of his early career trying to whip me that he let fame duck around the corner on him. We were always at it. It was just a feud between the Corbets and the Choynskis. It started when one of the Choynski gang banged one of the Corbett clan on the jaw over a game of marbles. Tom and Joe were in it at the start.

"I took up the Corbett end and Joe the Choynski side of the argument. We were both good boxers for kids, and besides, the honor of Hayes Valley depended on the result of every bout. Joe was so good with his fists that I was forced to take the matter of self-defense seriously. I used my father's stable for a gymnasium and a horse stall for a ring. I always seemed to improve just enough to beat Joe, although some of the sand-lot decisions were mighty close.

Ditched Glove. "In the barge fight, after we were real grown-up fighters, the Choynski crowd, thinking to have the best of me, threw Joe's big gloves overboard. When it came ring time they told me that one man would have to select a pair of driving gloves.

"That's where I fooled 'em. I took the larger gloves and let Joe have the tight-knit pair. They didn't seem to realize that you can't jar a man half as much with tight gloves as you can with pillows. The tight ones will cut, but they don't jar. It's twice as hard to knock a man out with driving gloves as it is with the regulation pair.

"Therefore, it was up to Joe to cut me, if he could. He couldn't knock me, I had too much speed for him. That fight took a lot out of Joe. I don't suppose either of us would have been heard of pugilistically had it not been for that row over the marbles, but Joe would have been far more famous had I not always blocked his way."

MAUI EXPECTS BANNER CROWD AT RACE MEET

Honolulu will join with Maui in celebrating New Year's Day according to the report that comes from Kahului where the big New Year's race meet will be held on January 1. The committee in charge of the meet has arranged the best program in the history of racing on Maui, and a number of valuable prizes have been announced.

At least four of the best race stock of Honolulu will be entered in the race events, and The Harvester, Welcome Boy, Seebolt and Harold D should make a good showing against the best on Maui. Tom Hollinger will enter Welcome Boy in one of the race events, and Angus McPhee will depend upon Denervo to win from the Honolulu entry. The Baldwin string will also be seen in action at Kahului.

If present plans go through more than 200 race fans from Honolulu will go to Maui for the big race event. A round trip rate of \$10 and \$5 has been secured for Honolulu people who wish to make the trip to Kahului. Bookings are now being accepted for the steamship Kilauea sailing Friday, December 31, at 11 p. m. Inasmuch as New Year's Day comes on Saturday this year, a number of Honolulu followers of the banquets will have an opportunity to make the trip.

Local people can leave Kahului Sunday, January 2, at 11 p. m. and will arrive in Honolulu about 6 o'clock the next morning. F. H. Lacey, who has charge of arrangements for bookings, was in Honolulu this week and stated that a number of local people had decided to make the week-end trip to Maui. In addition to the race events there will be a number of feature events added to the program.

much tennis, as the surf bathing is marvelous. The average "winter" temperature is about 70 degrees, which ought to be ideal for tennis.

Honolulu looks forward to the coming of tennis players to the islands at any time, but particularly during the months of January, February and March, when conditions are not favorable on the mainland. The local players will do all in their power to give their visitors both a good game and a good time.

Both the Yankees and White Sox want Frank Baker. If Connie Mack doesn't soon sell his once famous player, Frank may forget how to play the game.

He Plays Sunday



Bill Inman, former Punahou star who has been making a good showing with the undefeated National Guard football team. Inman has been working out regularly with the squad and has shown his old time form in recent games. Inman will be stationed at Schofield Sunday afternoon.

SERVICE SQUAD TAKES ANOTHER ONE FROM DORMS

Champion Five Proves to Be Class of Y. M. C. A. League

Y. M. C. A. Basketball League	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
Service	1	8	0	1.000
Tigers	6	2	4	.333
Dormitory	6	2	4	.333
Cosmopolitans	6	2	4	.333

Last night's games—Cosmopolitans 16, Tigers 14. Service 49, Dormitory 8.

What in the baseball world would be known as an extra-inning game was played in the Y. M. C. A. senior basketball league last night. The Cosmopolitans and Tigers had each scored 14 points when the whistle blew for time. According to this year's rules the teams must play an extra five-minute period. They did so and after the Tigers had missed several chances to score and each team failed to tally on a free throw, Captain John Gomes (wound a clean basket) and the Cosmopolitans won out just before the game ended, 16 to 14.

In the second game the Service Club, which is probably the best ever seen on a local floor, defeated the Dormitory 49 to 8. The latter team was handicapped by the absence of its star guard, Lake, but the soldiers were far too strong in team play and basket shooting. Captain Hackett led with nine field goals and a free throw. Gevardier scored eight times from the scrumline and Noyes cased the ball five times.

The Service team was at top speed last night on account of the proposed trip to the coast which is being promoted by Serg. Prush, manager of the team, and Physical Director Glenn Jackson. Everyone who saw last night's game was satisfied with the ability of the Service outfit to represent the local Y. M. C. A. creditably on the mainland and arrangements for the trip to take place after the close of the local season in February will be pushed. Line-up and summary:

Service—Left forward, Hackett (captain); right forward, Gevardier; center, Noyes; right guard, Wheeler; left guard, Gevardier.

Dormitory—Left forward, Peers; right forward, Dreier; center, Harverson; right guard, Merillees; left guard, Page (captain).

Goals from field—Hackett 9, Gevardier 8, Noyes 5, Wheeler 2, Peers 2, Page 1, Merillees 1. Fouls thrown—Hackett 1, Dreier 1, Jackson, Tinner—Bull. Scorer—Larimer. Time of halves—15 minutes.

Cosmopolitans—Left forward, Gomes (captain); right forward, O'Sullivan; center, Brush; right guard, Gaylord; left guard, Rasmussen.

Tigers—Left forward, Henry; right forward, Goebie; center, Nott; right guard, Metnecke (captain); left guard, Lemte. Goals from field—Gomes 2, O'Sullivan 2, Prush 2, Rasmussen 2, Nott 2, Goebie 2, Henry 1, Lemte 1. Referee—Jackson. Timer—Mowat. Scorer—Larimer. Time of halves—15 minutes.

Manoa Club Has Been Active In Tennis Circles

Since the announcement was made that Clarence Griffin, Beals Wright and Ward Dawson would come here during February to compete in the tennis tournaments during Carnival time, local tennis players have been taking their racquets out of the press and are getting in shape for actual competition. The class of play has improved since last year and there are many newcomers in the net game this season.

The Manoa Tennis Club has been the scene of many close matches this year and good tennis has been the result of stiff competition. Kenneth B. Barnes of the Manoa organization has kept up on his game and in a recent match defeated Fred E. Steere of that club in a wellplayed four set match. Many other players in the Manoa Club have been working out on the courts and it is expected that the next tournament will draw a banner crowd.

In the game with Steere Barnes started out well and took the first set 6-4. In the next set Steere showed up well and his drives were well played. Barnes could not get going in this set, and Steere won out 3-6. The next set went to deuce and Barnes won out 7-5. Barnes played up to form and won the last set 6-3. This match decided the finals in the play for the E. O. Hall cup.

LULUS WIN TRIO OF GAMES FROM COSMOS SQUAD

Standing in Y. M. C. A. Bowling League	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
Honolulu	24	16	8	.667
Colts	21	13	8	.619
Service	18	11	7	.611
Cosmos	24	10	14	.417
P. B. C.	18	7	11	.389
Nationals	21	6	15	.286

Last night's match—Honolulu 3, Cosmos 0. Tonight's match—Colts vs. P. B. C. Tomorrow night—Honolulu vs. Fort McDowell.

The Honolulu noded out the Cosmos three times in the Y. M. C. A. bowling league match last evening. The first game was won by a margin of four pins, the second by six and the third by 28.

In the opening game with victory in sight, White picked a cherry in the closing frame. Haney and Clark won the second game for the Honolulu with double century scores. The final game was close throughout and the Cosmos led by 30 pins in the eighth frame. The Honolulu evened it up in the ninth and when Gear struck out and Clark doubled, the Honolulu won the final game.

C. C. Clark was high average man for the evening with 190. Frank Benson led the Cosmos with a 175 average. Bernal, White and Methven were only a few pins behind while Gear and Winne bowled over 500 for the Honolulu. Line-up and scores:

Honolulu	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Gear	164	164	186	514
Winne	193	149	164	506
Haney	112	200	136	448
Clark	147	202	220	569
Mills	184	144	158	486
	800	859	864	2523
Cosmos	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Bernal	190	162	164	516
Atherton	121			121
Tinker	143	157	206	396
Methven	166	181	164	511
Benson	158	209	158	525
White	161	158	193	512
	796	853	836	2485

GRIDIRON CONTEST AT SCHOFIELD TO BE EXCITING ONE

Interest at Schofield is centered around the contest on the gridiron between the National Guard and 1st Infantry teams on Sunday afternoon. Since the defeat by the Honolulu team Lieut. Everitt's charges have been working hard to get in shape to trample upon the guard team. The recent showing made against the Shafter team has given the mole skin artists encouragement, and they are predicting at the post that the National Guard will return with the small end of the score.

Manager Wickman announces that he will send the full strength of the squad to Schofield, as the local team expects a hard game, and with the addition of new blood at the post, the local manager is not taking any chances on a defeat. Right now both teams appear to be evenly matched and playing on a strange gridiron the locals should not have any advantage over the soldiers. Both teams will use practically the same line-up as in their last games.

Capt. S. E. Kittelle of the cruiser Maryland has been assigned to the Navy War College at Newport, R. I.

All-Star Baseball Team To Meet Coast Players

Prominent Players Get Together to Form New Punahou Team—Stars of City Baseball Will Play With New Organization—Roy Doty, Who Starred on Coast, Will Join Club—Punahou Will Compete Against Olympic Club During Carnival—Nell Elected Manager

Baseball is taking on new life since the announcement that the Olympics would come here for a series of games and the fans have been anxious to know what teams would compete against the San Francisco club team. Last evening a number of the leaders in baseball met at the office of A. L. Castle and organized a new team to compete against the Olympic Club.

Ed Nell was elected manager of the team and the players voted to have the organization called the Punahou. The announcement of the organization of the new club will do much to boost baseball here and as the team will be an all-star one they should make a great showing against the visiting team. Baseball news has been scarce of late, but this announcement will tend to create new interest in the diamond sport.

Practice to Start at Once.

Manager Nell will arrange a number of practice games with local teams during the next few weeks and the players will be given hard workouts in preparation for the series with the Olympic team. A lineup of many of the star players should make the Punahou team one of the best drawing cards in the city.

The roster of players include stars of the diamond this year. Manager Nell will have Kelley Henshaw and Charles Lyman behind the plate. Henshaw has recently returned from the coast and has stated that he would be pleased to get in action for a series with the Olympics. Lyman is one of the best players in the islands and should make a valuable man for the team.

Francis Brown, who downed the Chicago team in a great pitcher's battle at Moiliili field, will be one of the pitching corps. With practice Brown should make a valuable heavier for the Punahou squad. "Honky" Williams and York, who were pitted against each other last Sunday at Athletic, will also join the squad. These two have shown enough in the past to entitle them to a place in the lineup.

Golfers Clash For Prexy Cup Finals Sunday

Interest in the driver and the putter will be featured this week, according to the gentlemen of the 19th hole at the Oahu Country Club. On Sunday at 9:30 the finalists will contest for the president's trophy. The entrants are C. G. Bockus, who is picked by the civilians to win; Capt. C. S. Lincoln, Major T. N. Horn and Lieut.-col. Archibald Campbell.

The course is in good condition and it is expected that the quartet will bring in some low scores. The play will be over 3 holes. All of the contestants have turned in good scores to date and the gathering at the 19th hole has been discussing the finals for some time. Mr. Bockus has been using the new Chandler Egan stroke for his second shot, and his work on the greens has been up to standard.

On the same day the Schofield officers will meet the Honolulu officers in the first interclub match over 18 holes. The Honolulu contingent will consist of 12 players and they anticipate winning from the Schofield pasture dusters. In previous games played the Schofield representatives have had the edge, but the locals have improved their play and expect to win on Sunday.

Representatives from Honolulu who will compete in the interclub tournament are Capt. C. S. Lincoln, Capt. F. M. Hinkle, Lieut. J. A. McAndrew, Major L. W. Redington, Lieut.-col. Archibald Campbell, Capt. George L. Hicks, Capt. J. F. Johnston and Dr. A. P. Matthews.

NEW BOWLING LEAGUE FORMED AT Y. M. C. A.

Another bowling league has been formed to compete at the Y. M. C. A. Saturday evening at 6:45 the intermediate clubs of the association will begin a series of matches which will continue until the middle of January. Double-headers will be played every evening. Towe Young of the Washington club and Methven of the XX are the two stars who will be seen in competition.

The schedule for the first series is as follows: December 18—El Globo vs. K. of K., Washington vs. Get Ready. December 22—K. of K. vs. Washington, El Globo vs. XX. December 29—El Globo vs. Get Ready, K. of K. vs. XX. January 6—Washington vs. El Globo, Get Ready vs. XX. January 13—K. of K. vs. Get Ready, Washington vs. XX.

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Infield possibilities are Roy Doty, Nell, Sadler, Peden and Chillingworth. Doty is a new man in local baseball. He was the leading hitter and base runner in the Portland City League, and was given a tryout with the Portland team of the Coast League. McCredie remarked that Doty was the type of player who would make good, and when Doty was sent in against the Los Angeles team at first base he handled eight difficult chances without a slip. Inasmuch as the Portland City League sent seven players to the coast league last year it is expected that Doty will not find it difficult to hold down first base with the local organization. The new addition to the baseball circle arrived on the Sierra this week.

Manager Nell is well known to local fans, while Peden, Sadler and Chillingworth will make up a good infield. With a few weeks' practice this infield should make a great showing against any organization. In the outer garden the Punahou candidates are Walter Argabrite, Bill Inman, Lang Akana and O'Brien. This quartet of outfielders is well known to local baseball fans and for speed and hitting strength should rank with any pasture guardians in the islands.

The organization of this team will do much to advance the interest in baseball and with the other teams in the city at top speed a schedule of games should be formed that would prove attractive to the fans who pay their money into the box office. A. L. Castle was asked to mount the hill-top this year, but inasmuch as he will be busy with the tennis tournament it is not expected that he will be in uniform against the Olympics.

Plans have been made to secure Frank West and Jerry Winne, two players who have good records, for the Punahou squad. West was at one time backstop on the Michigan team, and his work at Assa Arbor was worthy of note. Winne is a type of all-around player who should make a good showing with the all-star aggregation.

LUDY LANGER TO COME TO HAWAII NEXT FEBRUARY

Ludy Langer, champion middle and long distance swimmer of the United States, will compete in the Carnival swimming races in Honolulu this year. W. T. Rawlin's received a wireless message from the Los Angeles swimmer yesterday in which he stated that he would be here for the big swimming events in February.

Langer is well known to local swimmers and his records this year excelled all swimmers with the exception of Duke Kahanamoku. Langer annexed four A. U. records this season. The records made by the Los Angeles man are as follows: 440 yards, open salt water, 3 turns—5m., 33 1-5m., Ludy Langer, Los Angeles A. C., San Francisco, Cal., July 19.

500 yards, bath, six turns—6m., 13 4-5m., Ludy Langer, Los Angeles A. C., Sutro Baths, San Francisco, Cal., July 17.

880 yards, open salt water, seven turns—12m., 6s., Ludy Langer, Los Angeles A. C., San Francisco, Cal., July 23.

One mile, open salt water (110 yards), 15 turns—24m., 59 2-5m., Ludy Langer, Los Angeles A. C., San Francisco, Cal., July 23.

MACOMBER HEADS ILLINI.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—Bart Macomber of Oak Park, for two years right half-back on the University of Illinois football team and generally selected for the honorary all western star eleven by the critics this year, was elected captain of the Illini for 1916.

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